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WASHINGTON, April 6, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 1 totaled 345,167, up 7.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 3.9 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 10.7 percent in the East and up 3.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 13,324 cars (12.0 percent), chemicals were up 4,869 cars (19.2 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 3,400 cars (21.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,446 cars (4.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 13 weeks of 1989 totaled 4,294,233, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,144 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 1, up 1.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of 1989 was 1,449,235 trailers and/or containers, up 1.1 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 1 totaled 19.9 billion, 8.7 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 249.1 billion ton-miles, up 1.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,152	33,598	-4.3 %	30,003	7.2 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	1,751	1,880	-6.9	1,627	7.6
Metallic Ores	19,195	15,795	21.5	16,015	19.9
Coal	124,153	110,829	12.0	127,962	-3.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,162	14,629	-3.2	13,441	5.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,825	9,308	5.6	9,014	9.0
Grain Mill Products	9,532	9,400	1.4	9,460	.8
Food & Kindred Products	8,545	8,750	-2.3	8,209	4.1
Primary Forest Products	9,609	9,619	-.1	8,945	7.4
Lumber & Wood Products	7,595	8,147	-6.8	6,769	12.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,686	11,396	2.5	10,613	10.1
Chemicals	30,168	25,299	19.2	26,924	12.0
Petroleum Products	5,531	4,099	34.9	4,670	18.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,052	10,100	-.5	9,442	6.5
Coke	5,498	5,318	3.4	5,909	-7.0
Metals & Products	11,028	11,629	-5.2	9,732	13.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,716	16,473	13.6	18,283	2.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,850	8,911	-.7	8,506	4.0
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	4	27	-85.2	16	-75.0
All Other Carloads	7,115	6,365	11.8	6,608	7.7
Total	345,167	321,572	7.3 %	332,148	3.9 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 13 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 1, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	345,167	321,572	7.3 %	4,294,233	4,277,717	.4 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	66,503	67,509	-1.5	841,134	871,482	-3.5
Containers	46,641	44,096	5.8	608,101	562,497	8.1
Total	113,144	111,605	1.4	1,449,235	1,433,979	1.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.9	18.3	8.7 %	249.1	246.7	1.0 %

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